

Listing of Claims:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently Amended)

A composition of matter comprising at least one polypeptide of claim 1 in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

3. (Currently Amended)

The polypeptide of claim 1 bound to a second peptide to form a fusion protein wherein said second peptide ~~which~~ acts as an adjuvant.

4. (represented)

The polypeptide of claim 3 wherein the second peptide is the A2 peptide of cholera toxin.

5. (Represented)

The composition of claim 2 wherein the polypeptide of the neurotoxin of C. botulinum is bound to the A2 peptide of cholera toxin.

6. (represented)

A method of immunizing a mammal susceptible to botulism by administration of a composition of claim 3.

7. (represented)

The method of claim 6 wherein the composition contains a polypeptide of neurotoxin of C. botulinum bound to the A2 peptide of cholera toxin.

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8. (Currently amended)

An isolated polypeptide consisting of at least 100 amino acids from either domain H₄₄₅₋₆₆₁ (Seq. ID No. 8) or H₁₁₅₀₋₁₂₈₉ (Seq. ID No. 20) of the neurotoxin of C. Botulinum, said polypeptide being of 15 - 30 kDa in size.